# DCS Quick Help Guide

**General DCS Information:** on paying or receiving child support; public disclosure; how to apply for DCS services; Forms; Brochures.

http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dcs or www.childsupportonline.wa.gov

## **Child Support Internet Payment Service:** at

https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/csips/csips/default.asp

- Noncustodial Parent or Employer can access this site to make payments.
- Custodial Parent or Noncustodial Parent can view recent payment history.

# Information About Child Support for Victims or Survivors of Domestic Violence (DV):

Questions and Answers (Q&A) about how DV issues can impact a child support case; how to claim "good cause" not to cooperate with DCS if you believe that child support enforcement might be dangerous for you or a child on your TANF grant.

http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dcs/services/domesticviolence.asp

### Forms on the Web:

For DCS forms: http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dcs/Resources/Forms.asp

For Court forms: <a href="http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/">http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/</a>

For packets and forms: <a href="http://www.washingtonlawhelp.org">http://www.washingtonlawhelp.org</a>

<u>Community Relations Unit (CRU)</u>: for complaints/concerns about your DCS case, or for general information if you don't have a case. Call **1-800-457-6202** and ask for CRU or send an email to dcs-cru@dshs.wa.gov

<u>KIDS Line</u>: 1-800-442-KIDS (5437) is an automated phone system for all kind of information, including case-specific payment information. It can connect you to the office which handles your child support case.

<u>DCS Online Child Support Worksheets</u>: Child support calculator with help links; performs basic calculations for child support worksheets. <a href="http://www.courts.wa.gov/ssgen/">http://www.courts.wa.gov/ssgen/</a>

<u>Child Support Brochures</u>: DCS publishes brochures which help explain the services DCS offers. You can view and order the brochures on-line at <a href="http://www.dshs.wa.gov/geninfo/pubs3.html#ESA">http://www.dshs.wa.gov/geninfo/pubs3.html#ESA</a>
If you need help, contact June Johnson at 360-664-5446 or <a href="johnsjc1@dshs.wa.gov">johnsjc1@dshs.wa.gov</a>

#### **Public Assistance or Not?**

The state **must** sign off on a child support order if the kids receive or have received public assistance. Parties can use the **Declaration Regarding Public Assistance** to advise the court of their status.

#### **Income Information**

Parties can use the **Request for Income Information for Purposes of Entering a Child Support Order**, the DSHS <u>18-701</u>, to request the other party's income information. If the parties do not already have a case with DCS, the party can request "locate services" for the purpose of obtaining income information.

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